Dear Parents and Friends of St John’s,

A meeting was held last Tuesday evening, February 23rd to provide information about building plans for St John’s school and Church. Some of our school classrooms are in need of modernising and our Parishioners need easier weekend parking access to the Church as well as access for people attending special weekday celebrations. Our children need adequate, safe playground space for Sport, Physical Education and recreation purposes. The Diocese has appointed a company to assist with planning and construction.

All parents from the school were invited to the meeting mentioned above and an invitation to Parishioners not involved with the school was issued via the Parish bulletin. A group of about forty including Church representatives, officials from the Catholic Schools Office and our own school community attended. Everyone had an opportunity to comment and all information was collated and shared with Father Tiziano, Diocesan representatives and the building company for their consideration.

Those who attended the meeting were informed about plans to achieve the following:

1. Construction of six classrooms, new toilets and canteen and new play space for the children. (This part of the plan is in its early stages).
2. Improvements to the Hall – new floor, painting and a ‘facelift’.
3. The construction of a shared hard surface, week day play space also used for parking for the Church on weekends and, on occasion, for Parish events. Part of the back-grassed area will be replaced, and some grass area will be retained.

Parents who attended our P&F Meeting last night were also informed of progress from the meeting above.

Plans showing the above development will be provided to the community as soon as the building company has completed them and an opportunity to comment will be provided. The Parish is very keen to move ahead with points 2 and 3 as a priority and the school is working with the Parish to help these plans meet the needs of its families and students as well as those of Parishioners who are not involved with St John’s School.

Father Tiziano and I are working on the formation of a representative group to issue communication about the project to the Parish (which includes Church and school).

I ask for your patience while plans are being created.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bateman–Principal
**DIARY**

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**SPIRITUAL NEWS**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross are commemorated on Friday evenings. On **Friday March 18 at 7:30pm** our school will be assisting the Parish Social Justice Committee to run the service.

This is a great opportunity to do something special with your family to mark Lent as a meaningful time. We are looking for children who are happy to read and be involved.

If you can let us know if your family is interested in being a part of Stations of the Cross on March 18th then we can begin allocating responsibilities. Please email the school if your child would like to be involved.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

This is Doney, she lives in Malawi and one of the changes that Project Compassion has helped implement in her village is the building of energy efficient mud brick stoves. It’s a simple thing but it has a big impact.

Not only does the food cook quickly, but it does not require anywhere near the amount of fuel that an open fire does. This saves time for Doney, she doesn’t have to collect as much fuel, but it has the added advantage of conserving the environment. Every time we donate $50 we can make this type of change for a family.

To find out more about what your money can do go to: [http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)
At St John the Apostle we are going to try and walk in Doney’s shoes this Lent

To encourage the children to ‘walk in Doney’s shoes’ we first need to learn where Malawi is.

Next TUESDAY 8th MARCH at lunch time, the children will have the opportunity to make a map of Africa and Malawi with coins. They can bring in gold and silver coins to contribute to the map. This money will go to Project Compassion.

Laps for Doney

People in Doney’s community do not have access to usable roads or transport. They walk many steps to school, health centres, shops and services. The children are going to try and walk a little further in Doney’s shoes by walking laps around our playground at lunchtime. They will have the opportunity to carry a one litre, two litre or three litre bottle of water with them to feel the weight of carrying water over a long distance. This walk will be completely voluntary. The children will need to bring coins to donate to Project Compassion to participate in the walk.

Please the table below to see when your child’s class are able to participate.

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UPCOMING DATES

Week 7

Tues 8 Mar – Children can bring in coins to make a ‘Map for Doney’  
Wed 9 Mar – 1KD & 3KJ will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15am  
Sat 12 Mar – Year 1 and Year 2 are hosting our School Parish Mass at 5:00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for any of these celebrations of our faith.

SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

❖ SAT 5th March – BUSH DANCE  
❖ TUES 8th March – KINDY 2017 OPEN DAY 9am / Parent Info Evening 6:30pm  
❖ SAT 12th March – Parish School Mass (Stage 1 hosting)  
❖ Mon 21st March – Holy Week Liturgies commence  
❖ Fri 25th March – GOOD FRIDAY  
❖ Sun 27th March – EASTER SUNDAY  
❖ Fri 8th April – Last Day Term 1

ENROLMENT FOR KINDY 2017

Enrolments are now open for Kindy 2017. Please download the enrolment forms from the school website or grab a pack from our school office.

Our Kindy 2017 OPEN DAY is being held on TUESDAY 8th March 2016. A parent information evening is also being held on TUESDAY evening @ 6:30pm

BROKEN BAY REPRESENTATIVE WINTER SPORT TRIALS

Player Profile forms for the Broken Bay Winter Sport Trails must be given to the school office no later than tomorrow FRIDAY 4th March. Forms received after this date cannot be accepted.

Click here for player profiles forms, trial dates and parent information.  

Please note it is the parent’s responsibility to transport your child to and from all trials and competitions. Competition is fierce and only students in representative teams already or in an ‘A’ or ‘1st’ grade team are eligible to apply.

Thanks – SPORT COMMITTEE
BABY NEWS!!!

Congratulations to Mrs Kazzaz and her husband Tarek who are expecting another baby later this year.

We wish Lisa, Tarek & Zhara lots of love at this exciting time!

LEARNING TO READ ... WUSHKA

At St. John’s we are very excited to announce that we will be using a cloud-based, levelled reading resource called ‘Wushka’.

‘Wushka’ was trailed last year by many families in our school with great success. This resource will be used by Kindergarten to Year 3 in the classroom and at home. Years 4 to Year 6 will use it in the classroom only. ‘Wushka’ will not be replacing our current take home readers, but will become an additional resource that we can use at school and at home. All school readers have been developed using decades of educational publishing experience. ‘Wushka’ readers encourage children to engage with fiction and non-fiction texts on interactive devices (computers, I-pad or similar). The program is tailored by your child’s classroom teacher to meet individual learning needs.

Children in Kindergarten to Year 3 will receive login details shortly. Once these details are received you can visit wushka.com.au to login to the program.

Happy Reading!
Wendy Prentice – English Co-ordinator

PENINSULA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to all the children that participated in today’s Peninsula Carnival. We hope you enjoyed the day!

SCHOOL DROP OFF / PICK UP ZONES

Just a reminder to all parents & carers using the drop off / pick up zones in Waratah Pde. We have had several incidences in the last week of cars driving into the Church driveway and parking either directly in front of the Church or on the grass area.

To be very clear, during the hours of 8am – 8:45am and 2:30 – 3:30pm, you MUST NOT:

• Enter the church driveway
• Perform a U-turn by driving into the church driveway and then reversing across double lines
• Park or stop in the NO STANDING zones on BOTH SIDES of the pedestrian crossing

At St John the Apostle Narraweena we are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE Learners
• Block the flow of traffic for other users by stopping and waiting for the walkers queue to move along. If there isn’t space to join the line, you must drive around.

• Park across driveways

Also the number of parents dropping off children in front of the school gates in Alfred St is growing each morning. This area is a NO STOPPING / BUS ZONE between the hours of 8:30 – 9:30am – you cannot stop / drop off children during these times. The designated drop off zone is in Waratah Pde.

FAMILY LIASION NEWS

WELLBEING WALK – TUESDAY 15TH MARCH

Long Reef walk for parents & carers! Toddlers, prams and dogs all welcome!!

Join our Family Liaison Officer Jeanie McDonnell for a great walk around Long Reef Golf Course on TUESDAY 15th March @ 9:30am.

Click here for more information.

INTERESTED IN DIOCESAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS??

Visit them for their 2016 open day/ evening:

Boys – ST. PAUL’S COLLEGE, DARLEY RD, MANLY
St. Paul’s Open Evening is being held on Thursday 3rd March, 4-7pm

Boys – MARIST COLLEGE, NORTH SHORE –270 MILLER ST, NORTH SYDNEY
Marist Open Day is being held on Saturday 5th March, 10am – 2pm

Girls – MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE, 99 -101 ARCHER STREET, CHATSWOOD
Open Day will be held on Sunday 6th March, 11am-2pm

Co-ed - MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE, FOREST ROAD, WARRIEWOOD
Open Day will be held on Sunday 13th March, 11am-2pm

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Parent Engagement is so important in a child’s learning, so how do you know if you are engaged? Well here are some pointers. This overview is available on the school website:


• Talk positively about school.
• Have high expectations (that they do their best).
• Support your child’s consistent
• Ensure they have a healthy diet and enough rest;
• Develop a good working relationship with your child's teacher/s - attend parent information sessions, read school and class newsletters, respond to notes and permission slips; attend parent/teacher interviews; keep an open line of communication about things that matter to your child’s learning and wellbeing; resolve grievances appropriately;
• Ensure that your child has the time, space and resources to do their homework - and to relax;
• Talk with your child about school, what they are learning, their friendships, what homework they have and how they feel they are doing;
• Taking their age into account, talk with your child about current affairs, things going on in the world, TV shows you watch together. Ask their opinion on issues and respect their point of view;
• Provide opportunities to experience a range of cultural and social experiences;
• Participate in the life of their school community in whatever way best reflects your interest, skill and capacity;
• Real aloud with your child and/or encourage them to read often;
• Be a positive advocate for your child’s learning, social and emotional needs;
- Encourage and praise qualities such as persistence and having a go particularly when the task is challenging for your child;
- Encourage your child by acknowledging their successes and;
- Acknowledge that you are your child’s first (and lifelong) teachers and ‘partner’ with their teacher/s and school in their education.

** CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED **

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1 volunteer required for MONDAY 7th MARCH
2 volunteers required for WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH

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If you are available to help out on either of these days please contact Fiona ASAP on 0409 566 640 or email fionacosta3@yahoo.com.au

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

Please send children in with recess and a packed lunch.

Sushi Day is Wednesday. All orders are to be at canteen no later than 9:30am.

The Spring/Summer Menu for this term can be found on the school website.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm on Fridays during Lent at St John’s

- Friday February 26th – Co-ordinated by Margaret Verhoeven
- Friday March 4th – Co-ordinated by the Light of the World (Clive and Flavia Periera)
- Friday March 11th – Co-ordinated by the Indian Community
- Friday March 18th – Co-ordinated by The Parish and School Social Justice Committee.
The parish will hold an information night for the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm** at St Kevin’s Church Dee Why. If your child is in Year 2 or over, and has been baptised and you would like them to begin preparation for the sacrament, please attend the information night.

Refer to letter attached for further information.

Parent group leaders are needed to lead the small preparation groups. If you are interested please contact Agi via email agi.reefman@gmail.com

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**AWARDS**

Please note: Awards will be given out as follows:

**FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6**

**STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented on MONDAY mornings during Prayer Assembly**

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SCHOOL BANKING

Don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit on that day.

CALLS FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO BE INVOLVED IN A CANTEEN COMMITTEE

We are looking for a few volunteers from our school community to become involved in a canteen committee. The purpose is to build on the existing structure and provide support to the canteen co-ordinator for things like: ease of use, menus, staffing and opening times to make it easier for all concerned.

This committee is being formed as a result of feedback from previous P&F meetings and a canteen survey.

If you are interested, please contact Paul Bedford for further information pbedford2099@gmail.com or 0408 472 530.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TENNIS WHIZZ – NARRAWEENA TENNIS CENTRE

- Ages2yrstoSyrs
- Fun innovative program that include Tennis and Fundamental MotorSkills
- Key learning areas also include literacy, numeracy, health & development
- On court learning with parents and children

TERM 1 SPECIAL! Free trial lesson + Free Racquet on Registration

Contact Information:
Te book a session or for further information call the office on 0405 424413 or email: tmstapp@optusnet.com.au
Narraweenahas a complete tennis program as well including Hot Shots as website:-

JS DANCE CENTRE

BACK TO SCHOOL
BACK TO DANCE

Visit us online at jsdancecentre.com.au or call 9939 5009 today
MONTE OPEN DAY

Monte Sant’ Angela Mercy College is holding their Open Day on SUNDAY 13 March 9:30 – 1:30pm.

Information session hosted by Principal, Mrs Nicole Christensen @ 11am.

For more information via www.monte.nsw.edu.au
At St John the Apostle Narraweeena we are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE Learners
1st March 2016.

Dear Parents,


The time is approaching for children to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament is the second sacrament that children receive in our Diocese (the first being Baptism). Children may come forward to prepare for this sacrament in year 2.

The parish will hold an information night for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 23 March at 7pm at St Kevin’s Church, Dee Why. If your child is in year 2 or over and has been Baptised and you would like them to begin preparation for the sacrament, please come along to the information night to find out more about the process and enrolment.

Preparation for the sacrament will be a four-week process broken up by the school holidays. All preparation classes will be held on a Saturday or Sunday either directly before or after a parish Mass in parish rooms. Children are required to attend one Mass each weekend of preparation. The preparation classes will be held on the weekends of: 2 and 3 April; 9 and 10 April; 30 April and 1 May; 7 and 8 May. Confirmation with Bishop Peter Comensoli will take place on Friday 13th May at 6pm in St Kevin’s Dee Why, on Saturday 14th May at 10.30am and at 12.30pm in St John’s Church Narrabeena. Parents may choose any session.

Group leaders
Preparation for the sacrament takes place in small groups. We are currently looking for parents to volunteer to lead preparation groups. All materials and training are provided. A training session for all group leaders will be held on Thursday 31 March at 7pm. Please contact Agi if you are interested in leading a group: agi.reefman@gmail.com

Yours in Christ,

Fr Tiziano Torresan
Parish Administrator.